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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LOWERING OF UNC PROFILE

REF: (A) SEOUL 5621; (B) STATE 147379; (C) STATE 178615

1. APPRECIATE PLAN FOR LOWERING UNC PROFILE OUTLINED
REF (A). HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE OF UNC PROFILE-
LOWERING TO OUR UNGA POSITION, IT IS NECESSARY TO GO
FURTHER THAN STEPS WHICH YOU HAVE OUTLINED.

2. IN ORDER TO HAVE SUFFICIENT IMPACT IN NEW YORK, IT
IS NECESSARY THAT UN FLAGS BE LOWERED AT ALL U.S. UNITS
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SOUTH OF REAR BOUNDARY OF FROKA AND I CORPS WITH EXCEP-
TION OF HEADQUARTERS 314 AD UNITS TO LOWER UN FLAG
INCLUDE HEADQUARTERS
38TH AD BDE AND SUBORDINATE UNITS AND US NAVAL DETACH-

MENT LOCATED AT CHINHAE.

3. FURTHER, UN FLAG SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE FLOWN AT OTHER U.S. UNITS NORTH OF REAR BORDER OF I CORPS AND FROKA WHICH ARE NOT PART OF UNC OR DIRECTLY RELATED TO ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. WE HAVE MAINTAINED THAT U.S. UNITS ARE NOT PART OF UNC AND THAT MUST BE ESSENTIAL DETERMINATE IN LOWERING FLAG. THEREFORE UN FLAGS MUST BE LOWERED AT HEADQUARTERS SECOND INFANTRY DIVISION,

SUBORDINATE SECOND INFANTRY UNITS AND U.S. AIR DEFENSE UNITS MENTIONED PARA 2B.

4. HOWEVER, UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT YOUR RATIONALE FOR CONTINUED USE OF UN FLAG AT I CORPS GROUP, 314 AD HEADQUARTERS (PARA 2 ABOVE) AND IN JSA. FLAG WOULD, OF COURSE, BE USED AT UNC HEADQUARTERS.

5. WITH REGARD TO ROK FORCES, IN OUR VIEW THEY SHOULD FOLLOW ANALOGOUS PROGRAM TO OUR OWN. WE BELIEVE ROK FORCES SOUTH OF I CORPS FROKA AREA SHOULD NOT USE UN FLAGS. AT THE SAME TIME WE WOULD NOT OBJECT TO USE OF UN FLAG BY ROK UNITS WITHIN FROKA AND I CORPS SECTORS WHICH ARE UNDER UNC OPCON AND WHERE WE COULD JUSTIFY ON GROUNDS THAT THEIR PRESENCE DIRECTLY RELATED TO MAINTENANCE OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND PROXIMITY TO DMZ.

6. WITH REGARD TO UN FLAGS IN JAPAN, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO CONTINUED USE AS RECOMMENDED REF (A). HOWEVER, WE INTEND CONSULT WITH GOJ, INFORMING THEM OF OUR PROGRAM FOR UNC PROFILE LOWERING. WE WOULD HAVE TO THEN WEIGH GOJ VIEWS, IF ANY.

7. WE INTEND TO SUBMIT LETTER TO SECURITY COUNCIL SEPTEMBER ONE, OUTLINING ABOVE ACTIONS. YOUR IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST 25.

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8. MORE GENERALLY, UNC SHOULD ALSO IMPLEMENT EXPEDITIOUS PROGRAM TO PHASE OUT USE OF UN SYMBOLS AT ALL U.S. UNITS AT WHICH U.N. FLAG IS LOWERED. WHILE WE DO NOT WISH TO BE PRECIPITATE IN OUR ACTIONS, PURPOSE OF EXERCISE IS TO DEMONSTRATE TO UN MEMBERS SERIOUSNESS OF OUR POSITION RE CONDITIONAL UNC TERMINATION. FACT THAT THIS WILL INEVITABLY ATTRACT PUBLIC ATTENTION IS NOT MAJOR DETERRENT; ON CONTRARY, APPROPRIATE PUBLICITY CAN STRENGTHEN OUR POSITION IN UN.

9. DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK HAVE SHOWN THERE INTEREST IN ACTUAL FUNCTIONS OF THIRD COUNTRY TROOPS IN KOREA, PARTICULARLY ROLE OF UNC HONOR GUARD. WOULD APPRECIATE

EMBASSY/CINCUNC VIEWS ON ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES
OF QUIETLY PHASING OUT HONOR GUARD. IN PRESENT CIRCUM-
STANCES PRESENCE OF TOKEN UNITS IN UNC HONOR GUARD
APPEARS TO BE POLITICAL LIABILITY IN NEW YORK, ALTHOUGH
IMPORTANCE RE UN SOFA IN JAPAN RECOGNIZED.

10. FOR EMBASSY SEOUL: EMBASSY SHOULD IMMEDIATELY
APPROACH MOFA OUTLINING ABOVE UNC PROFILE LOWERING AND
REQUEST THAT ROKG CONSIDER SIMILAR PROGRAM ALONG LINES
PARA 5 FOR ROK UNITS. REPORT ROKG REACTION.

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